



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Tatsuya Usami

Serial No.: 09/627,418

Group Art Unit: 2814

Filed: July 27, 2000

Examiner: Quach, T.

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2001, please consider the following:

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I (e.g., drawn to a semiconductor device) of claims 1-5, without traverse. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected invention later.

Further, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's acknowledgment of the priority document filed on July 27, 2000.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

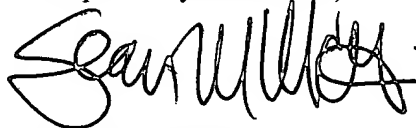
Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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